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For: IMAGE CODING-DECODING METHOD, IMAGE CODING-DECODING SYSTEM,  
IMAGE CODER, IMAGE DECODER, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2004, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims	20	-	20	=	X	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent	10	-	8	=	2 X	\$86.00	=	\$172.00
TOTAL							=	\$172.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$172.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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